

2 NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
3 SECOND SESSION  
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 296

5 Introduced by Kristensen, 37

6 WHEREAS, the NEBRASKALAND Foundation on Saturday March 2,  
7 2002, at the annual Statehood dinner held in the State Capitol,  
8 presents the distinguished NEBRASKALANDER award, along with the  
9 Wagonmaster, the Trailblazer, and the Pioneer Awards; and

10 WHEREAS, the Pioneer Award is presented to Donald Meier  
11 who created, directed, and produced Wild Kingdom from 1963 to 1987.  
12 He received four Emmy Awards and the first National Wildlife  
13 Federation Award for his works. Don was among the first to  
14 understand and promote the preservation of the world's wildlife  
15 with his entertaining and educational program; and

16 WHEREAS, the Wagonmaster Award is presented to C. G.  
17 (Kelly) Holthus, who began his banking career in 1953 with the Bank  
18 of Bertrand and more recently served as Chairman and Chief  
19 Executive Officer of Cornerstone Bank of York and chairman of banks  
20 in Albion, North Platte, and Sutton. He has served as president of  
21 the American Bankers Association, and of the Nebraska Bankers  
22 Association and as chairman of the Nebraska State Chamber of  
23 Commerce. Kelly's leadership ability has set a high example for  
24 others to follow; and

25 WHEREAS, the Trailblazer Award is presented to Michael R.  
26 McCarthy, who is chairman of McCarthy Group, Inc. which he founded

1 in 1986. He serves on the board of directors of Acceptance  
2 Insurance, Election Systems & Software, HDR, Cabela's, Streck  
3 Laboratories, the Omaha Community Foundation, and the Nebraska  
4 Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of the Omaha Chamber of  
5 Commerce in 1999. Mike has given countless hours to these  
6 organizations for the betterment of the citizens of Nebraska and  
7 beyond; and

8 WHEREAS, the distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award is  
9 presented to James Stuart, Jr., for his contribution to our state's  
10 social, historical, cultural, and economic well-being by serving as  
11 chairman and CEO of a successful business and by serving on  
12 numerous boards, from local to international. Mr. Stuart has set  
13 an impressive example of a distinguished career for all Nebraskans  
14 to admire.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
16 NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

17 1. That the Legislature extends its appreciation to  
18 Donald Meier, C. G. (Kelly) Holthus, Michael R. McCarthy, and James  
19 Stuart, Jr. for their service to the State of Nebraska.

20 2. That a copy of this resolution be given to Donald  
21 Meier, C. G. (Kelly) Holthus, Michael R. McCarthy, and James  
22 Stuart, Jr.